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ORGANIZATION OF WORK

METHODS OF WORK OF THE SUB-COMMISSION

Note by the Secretariat

1. At its 34th meeting, on 29 August 1996, the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, in its decision 1996/115, decided to take no action at its forty-ninth session under the agenda item entitled "Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including policies of racial discrimination and segregation and of apartheid, in all countries, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories: report of the Sub-Commission under Commission on Human Rights resolution 8 (XXIII)" in respect of human rights situations which the Commission on Human Rights was considering under the public procedures for dealing with human rights violations.

2. In its resolution 1997/22, entitled "Work of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities", the Commission on Human Rights expressed its appreciation of the steps undertaken by the Sub-Commission to reform and improve its methods of work, in particular "... the decision to avoid duplication with the work of the Commission on Human

Rights by not taking action during its forty-ninth session on human rights situations under consideration in the public procedures of the Commission (decision 1996/115)" and requested the Sub-Commission "to refrain henceforth from duplicating action by the Commission on Human Rights with regard to country situations under consideration in the public procedures of the Commission and, furthermore, limit action to exceptional cases in which new and particularly grave circumstances arise".

3. In order to assist the Sub-Commission, the Secretariat has prepared, as annex I to the present document, a list of the human rights situations currently under consideration by the Commission under public procedures for dealing with human rights violations.

4. For the information of the Sub-Commission, the Secretariat has also prepared, as annex II to the present document, a list of country situations currently being considered by the Commission under the agenda items entitled "Organization of the work of the session", "The right of peoples to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial or alien domination or foreign occupation" and "Advisory services in the field of human rights".

Annex I

HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATIONS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS UNDER PUBLIC PROCEDURES FOR DEALING WITH HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

	Commission on Human Rights resolution
Afghanistan	Resolution 1997/65
Burundi	Resolution 1997/77
Cuba	Resolution 1997/62
Cyprus	Decision 1997/121
East Timor	Resolution 1997/63
Equatorial Guinea	Resolution 1997/67
Israel (under procedures relating to the occupied Arab Territories, including Palestine, the occupied Syrian Golan, southern Lebanon and West Bekaa)	Resolutions 1997/1, 1997/2, 1997/3 and 1997/55
Islamic Republic of Iran	Resolution 1997/54
Iraq	Resolution 1997/60
Myanmar	Resolution 1997/64
Nigeria	Resolution 1997/53
Rwanda	Resolution 1997/66
Sudan	Resolution 1997/59
The former Yugoslavia	Resolution 1997/57
Zaire	Resolution 1997/58

Annex II

COUNTRY SITUATIONS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER THE AGENDA ITEMS ENTITLED "ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION", "THE RIGHT OF PEOPLES TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND ITS APPLICATION TO PEOPLES UNDER COLONIAL OR ALIEN DOMINATION OR FOREIGN OCCUPATION" AND "ADVISORY SERVICES IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS"

Agenda item: "Organization of the work of the session"

Colombia	Chairman's statement made on 16 April 1997

Agenda item: "The right to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial or alien domination or foreign occupation"

Occupied Palestine	Resolution 1997/4
Western Sahara	Resolution 1997/5

Agenda item: "Advisory services in the field of human rights"

Cambodia	Resolution 1997/49
Guatemala	Resolution 1997/51
Haiti	Resolution 1997/52
Liberia	Chairman's statement made on 16 April 1997
Somalia	Resolution 1997/47